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KUHIO LEAGUE IS ROUTED

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Part Dole Played.

Judge Dole's action, in voting with the Kuhio side against the amendment to table Carter's motion amending the rule calling for the open vote on delegates to the national convention, without doubt produced a profound impression. Not a few who witnessed the event were under the belief that, had the Kuhio forces attempted at once to have secured a reconsideration of the motion, it could have been secured and would have resulted in the rule of secret ballots being adopted.

Judge Dole, a delegate from the Sixth of the Fourth, when his name was called on the vote for closed or open ballot, asked permission to explain his position. He declared that he had been giving deep consideration to the question for several days. From the fact that delegates in the convention were but expressing by their actions the will of the people who elected them, the open vote argument appeared strongly to him. The people had a right to know how their delegates had voted on all matters. Since coming into the convention, however, he had listened to charges of coercion made by Stephen Desha and George R. Carter, and some more or less credible by Coelho, in which various instances of such improper pressure had been cited. He always had had the highest opinion of the integrity of the Taft League leaders. He still possessed that opinion, but he had been convinced that without their knowledge, and against their wishes and efforts to prevent, there was improper pressure being brought to bear to force delegates to vote contrary to their wishes. "If there is such coercion," Judge Dole declared, "it outweighs the duty of the delegates to their constituents, and they should be protected by permitting them to vote the will of their constituents without the publicity of an open vote." He thereupon cast his vote against the tabling of the motion to amend, stating that his conscience would not permit his voting for the open vote. He had changed his mind since morning.

Judge Dole's vote came near the middle of the roll call. It produced a storm of frantic cheering, and threw consternation into the ranks of the Taft League forces which was not relieved until the result of the vote was announced and a recess secured.

The Proceedings.

Following is an account of the proceedings of the Republican convention after the report closed for the Star's second edition:

It took the committee on credentials until 4:30 o'clock to announce itself ready to report, when the convention was again called to order.

Temporary Chairman Harris called for the report of the credentials committee.

Chas. Arnold was appointed Sergeant at Arms, a demand for such appointment resulting from a disturbance caused by a Hawaiian in the gallery who insisted in interrupting the roll call.

Fight on Weinheimer.

The Credentials Committee filed a majority and a minority report. The majority was signed by seven of the ten members on the committee. All the delegates were endorsed, including A. T. Moses of Laupahoehoe, protested by H. T. Rickard. It also stated that no protest had been filed against Louis Weinheimer but that his qualifications had been considered, and the committee found that Weinheimer's qualifications of citizenship were all right.

The minority report disapproved Weinheimer on the ground that he is not a citizen. This report was signed by Holt, Kamaooha and Pali.

G. P. Kamaooha moved the adoption of the minority report, and with this came a deluge of speeches against and for Weinheimer, in which Geo. R. Carter, Prosser, Atkinson, Coelho, Desha, Wise and others took part. All the talk centered for and against Weinheimer's eligibility from a citizen standpoint.

The chair ordered a roll call, but at this point Mr. Weinheimer arose and announced his withdrawal from the convention.

A motion was made to adopt the majority report, with Mr. Weinheimer's name eliminated.

Coelho moved an amendment, that Rev. Kama, of Lahaina, be named to fill the vacancy from their district.

Wise read the rules showing that the convention could not fill a vacancy. Coelho withdrew his amendment to allow one made by Atkinson, that the remaining Maui delegates be permitted to fill the vacancy in accordance with the rules.

The chair declared that no motion was before the convention.

Judge Dole Moves.

Judge Dole moved that the majority report be adopted with an amendment instructing the Lahaina delegation to fill the vacancy from its precinct.

This motion was finally put and carried, and a recess of five minutes

was taken to permit the Lahaina delegates to choose their other member.

NIGHT SESSION.

It was after 8:30 o'clock before the convention was called to order after the recess taken for dinner at seven o'clock.

After calling the roll Achil's amendment to the Rules report—to allow delegates from the several islands to nominate and elect their delegates to the Chicago convention—was taken up.

Rules Are Adopted.

Purtado of Hawaii moved the tabling of this amendment.

Achil attempted to discuss his motion, but was ruled out of order.

Coelho moved that the vote on the motion to table be taken by secret ballot, and appeared from the ruling of the chair, when the motion was declared out of order. He withdrew the motion, however, before vote was taken on the appeal, on advice from Murray and Atkinson.

The vote on the motion to table carried on a vote of 88 to 70.

A motion to adopt the report of the Rules Committee as read was then made, seconded and carried by viva voce vote, and the convention took up the nomination of delegates to the Chicago convention.

Fear Nominated.

John Wise then nominated as delegate, Governor W. F. Fear. In making the nomination, Wise stated that he made the nomination in good faith; that inasmuch as Kuhio was pledged as a delegate, it was just that Fear should go also.

Geo. W. Smith made an address in seconding the nomination, pointed it out as being eminently fitting for the Governor to be a delegate. He urged for harmony. He warned the convention that the delegates might just possibly hold the controlling vote at the Chicago convention.

Parker Names Cupid.

Sam. Parker addressed the convention on the slogan of "fair play," advocating the election of Fear and Cupid by acclamation; but he protested against electing, as he said, of five rear men, and put one of "our" side—Kuhio.

He nominated Cupid, and was seconded by Desha.

Geo. F. Renton was then nominated by Andrew Adams, and Charles Arnold seconded the nomination.

S. Kipu, of Lahaina, Maui, nominated H. A. Baldwin and Goodness seconded.

H. J. Lyman then nominated J. T. Moir, and this was seconded by John Ross.

Desha made a long address in Hawaiian, in placing in nomination H. L. Holstein, in which the national committee's life history was outlined.

Osorio seconded the nomination.

C. A. Rice received his nomination at the hands of A. S. Wilcox, of Kauai; the nomination being seconded by Kamekua.

R. W. Shingle received his nomination from Charlie Achil in a twenty-minute speech, in which Shingle was eulogized as an earnest young man who was raising a beautiful family of young Hawaiians; and who deserved the support of all the delegates. Fred Beckley seconded the nomination.

Geo. R. Carter, with a bunch of bouquets, offered the name of A. L. C. Atkinson, and Coelho in an equally flowery speech, seconded.

Fred Beckley moved the nominations close. He objected to taking more time in nominations, stating that if he had his way he would not ask to have any delegates of his side sent to Chicago, letting the majority rule, and trusting later for the voters to pass upon the matter at the polls.

The motion to close the nomination carried without opposition.

Nominees Pledged.

The nominees were thereupon called upon as provided by the rules, to pledge themselves to vote for Taft, if elected, first last and all the time, as long as his name was before the convention.

Governor Fear, who was not present, had sent his pledge in writing, and the other members, being called upon the stage, each formally pledged his word accordingly.

Shingle, who was absent, was waited for about five minutes, and upon his arrival the pledge was administered.

On motion, Rice of Kauai, and Baldwin, of Maui, being the only nominees from their respective islands, were elected by unanimous vote.

A. R. Vierra and H. V. Patten were appointed tellers in the vote to be taken on the election of the remainder.

Chairman Harris stated that in voting each delegate would arise and announce his choice of the various candidates as his name was called.

Before the voting began, Geo. W. Smith moved for a recess of ten minutes "in the interests of harmony." After some hesitation the motion carried. A little later it was announced that half an hour would be necessary as some caucuses had to be held.

Compromises Offered.

Both factions went into caucus. The Fear party soon agreed to offer to accept a three to three delegation, including on their side Fear, Baldwin and Rice; sacrificing Moir and Renton for Holstein and Shingle. It was also specified that the national com-

mitteeship should go to Rice.

Compromise Rejected.

This proposition, carried to the leaders of the Kuhio crowd, did not meet with favor, and finally after more than an hour's conference, was rejected.

It was near midnight when the convention again came to order, and the roll call started resulting in the election of the entire "Fear" ticket, while every nominee of the Kuhio side was defeated except Cupid himself who was agreed upon by both sides.

The vote stood as follows, 158 delegates voting:

By Acclamation—H. A. Baldwin, Maui; Charles A. Rice, Kauai.

Prince Kuhio (Oahu), 158.

George F. Renton (Oahu), 87.

Governor W. F. Fear (Oahu), 84.

John T. Moir, (Hawaii), 82.

R. W. Shingle, 79.

H. L. Holstein, 74.

A. L. C. Atkinson, 64.

Alternates elected were:

J. H. Coney, Kauai.

John Wise, Oahu.

A. Q. Marcellino, Oahu.

Dr. W. T. Monsarrat, Oahu.

Charles S. Wilcox, Maui.

Carl S. Carlanth, Hawaii.

Afternoon Session.

After it had been decided that the vacancy, caused by the withdrawal of Louis Weinheimer from the floor, should be filled by the other delegates from the Lahaina precinct, a ten minute recess was taken in order to give the delegates time to decide upon their new confere.

Rev. S. Kapu Elected.

Upon the convention's resuming the Lahaina delegation reported the appointment of Rev. S. Kapu to fill the vacancy caused by Weinheimer's withdrawal and the report was adopted.

Rules Committee's Report.

The report of the committee on rules signed by all of the members of the committee except G. R. Carter and C. G. Bartlett, who added a note that they failed to approve the report, was then read.

Carter moved an amendment to the report, that the delegates vote by printed ballots instead of openly. He launched into a hot speech, hinting at corruption on the part of the Taft League, as reason why an honest vote could not be taken openly. Coercion, he declared, was being used as a whip on weak delegates, who were dependent on the sugar interests for a living.

Carter Charges Corruption.

He deplored the American citizen, he declared, who sells his vote for money, only in less degree than he despised the man who offers the bribe. He had heard that one man had been threatened with discharge from his position in case he didn't vote as he was instructed. He therefore "appealed to reason" of the delegates to have inserted in the rules a provision for a secret ballot to protect the dependent voters from despicable pressure.

Geo. W. Smith challenged Carter's statements demanding if he charged that any member of the convention had been bought in registering his vote in the morning session.

Carter denied this, saying he had said he despised a man bought, only less than the one buying.

Stephen Desha delivered a long speech, in which he charged that under the rules proposed many delegates would, through fear of losing their positions with the plantations be compelled to vote as they wished.

Kuhio's Charges Referred To.

He called attention to Kuhio's charges that the people of the islands are subservient to the sugar interests, that the power of money seeks to deprive the people of Hawaii of their rights as free citizens. "Every dog has his day," he quoted, in connection with the position of the Hawaiian voters. He doubted if Kuhio, "his bosom friend," would consent to be the standard bearer again under such circumstances.

Coelho Makes Promiscuous Charges.

Coelho charged that certain delegates on Maui had been threatened with loss of their positions if they failed to vote according to orders. His address was fervid and although he used various names, his arguments were far from convincing to the average man of intelligence.

H. J. Lyman, of Hilo, urged the Hawaiians to vote openly, because as long as they don't they give strength to the belief that they are afraid to vote, for fear they will lose their jobs, thus strengthening the opposition.

Carter again appealed "in behalf of the weak members."

Losses by Narrow Margin.

The roll was then called, on Carter's amendment for secret ballot, resulting in its being lost by the close vote of 81 to 78.

Judge Dole's Conscience.

Judge Dole, delegate from the eighth precinct of the fourth, probably had much to do with the closeness of this vote. When his name was called the Judge arose and asked permission to explain his position.

He stated that while he had the fullest confidence in the integrity of the leaders of the so-called Fear faction, he had become convinced from the statements made by Desha, Car-

ter and Coelho, that there was truth in the charges of coercion, which he believed had been impossible to prevent, and after most serious consideration he had found that his conscience would not let him vote for a system which would tend to corrupt the free expression on the part of the delegates should fulfill the will of their constituents, but he believed that between the two problems the danger of coercion outweighs the other obligation.

As the drift of the Judge's remarks began to be understood, there was frantic cheering from the Kuhio faction, which reached a frenzy as the distinguished jurist and citizen voted for the secret ballot.

Recess Is Taken.

After the vote on this point was ended, Achil moved an amendment to the rules reported, permitting the delegates of each county to nominate and elect their own proportion of delegates to the national convention viz., one from each island except Oahu, which should have three.

A motion for a recess was then made and carried.

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